

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TOSHIYUKI NOGUCHI ) : Examiner: M. Patel  
Application No.: 10/657,209 ) : Group Art Unit: 2178  
Filed: September 9, 2003 ) :  
For: INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING APPARATUS, :  
INFORMATION PROVIDING )  
APPARATUS, :  
INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM, :  
INFORMATION )  
PROCESSING METHOD, :  
PROGRAM, AND )  
RECORDING MEDIUM : October 15, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended to October 15, 2007 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: